BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against:))
Michele Anne Brown, M.D.) Case No. 800-2016-019634
Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 62756))
Respondent).)

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on <u>January 4, 2018</u>.

IT IS SO ORDERED December 28, 2017.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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12	STATE OF C.	ALIFORNIA							
13	In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation	Case No. 800-2016-019634							
14	Against:	OAH No. 2017080538							
15	MICHELE ANNE BROWN, M.D. 935 Genter Street, Unit 408 San Diego, CA 92037-5530	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER							
16 17	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A62756								
18	Respondent.								
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20	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-								
21	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:								
22	<u>PARTIES</u>								
23	1. Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board								
24	of California (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs. She brought this action solely in her								
25	official capacity and is represented in this matter by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the								
26	State of California, by LeAnna E. Shields, Deputy Attorney General.								
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- 2. Michele Anne Brown, M.D. (respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Steve Zeigen, Esq., whose address is Rosenberg, Shpall & Zeigen, APLC, 750 "B" Street, Suite 3210, San Diego, California, 92101.
- 3. On or about June 20, 1997, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A62756 to respondent. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in the First Amended Accusation No. 800-2016-019634 and will expire on October 31, 2018, unless renewed.
- 4. On or about April 27, 2017, an Interim Order of Suspension was issued pursuant to Government Code section 11529 which immediately suspended respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A62756 and prohibited respondent from practicing medicine in the State of California pending further order from the Office of Administrative Hearings. The Interim Order of Suspension remains in full force and effect as of the effective date of this Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order.

JURISDICTION

5. On December 12, 2017, the First Amended Accusation No. 800-2016-019634 was filed before the Board and is currently pending against respondent. A true and correct copy of the First Amended Accusation No. 800-2016-019634 and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on respondent on December 12, 2017. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A true and correct copy of the First Amended Accusation No. 800-2016-019634 is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and fully understands the charges and allegations in the First Amended Accusation No. 800-2016-019634. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and fully understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the First Amended Accusation; the right to confront and

cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in the First Amended Accusation No. 800-2016-019634, agrees that cause exists for action and discipline and hereby surrenders her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A62756 for the Board's formal acceptance.
- 10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without notice to, or opportunity to be heard by, respondent.
- 11. With respondent's early acknowledgment that cause exists for the Board's action, complainant finds good cause under Business and Professions Code section 2307, subdivision (b)(1), and thereby agrees that respondent may file a petition for reinstatement two years after the effective date of the Board's Decision.

CONTINGENCY

- 12. Business and Professions Code section 2224, subdivision (b), provides, in pertinent part, that the Medical Board "shall delegate to its executive director the authority to adopt a ... stipulation for surrender of a license."
- 13. Respondent understands that, by signing this stipulation, she enables the Executive Director of the Board to issue an order, on behalf of the Board, accepting the surrender of her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A62756 without further notice to, or opportunity to be heard by, respondent.

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- 14. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Director on behalf of the Board. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be submitted to the Executive Director for her consideration in the above-entitled matter and, further, that the Executive Director shall have a reasonable period of time in which to consider and act on this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order after receiving it. By signing this stipulation, respondent fully understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind this stipulation prior to the time the Executive Director, on behalf of the Medical Board, considers and acts upon it.
- The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order 15. shall be null and void and not binding upon the parties unless approved and adopted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, except for this paragraph, which shall remain in full force and effect. Respondent fully understands and agrees that in deciding whether or not to approve and adopt this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, the Executive Director and/or the Board may receive oral and written communications from its staff and/or the Attorney General's Office. Communications pursuant to this paragraph shall not disqualify the Executive Director, the Board, any member thereof, and/or any other person from future participation in this or any other matter affecting or involving respondent. In the event that the Executive Director on behalf of the Board does not, in her discretion, approve and adopt this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, with the exception of this paragraph, it shall not become effective, shall be of no evidentiary value whatsoever, and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto. Respondent further agrees that should this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order be rejected for any reason by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, respondent will assert no claim that the Executive Director, the Board, or any member thereof, was prejudiced by its/his/her review, discussion and/or consideration of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order or of any matter or matters related hereto.

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ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 16. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties herein to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final and exclusive embodiment of the agreements of the parties in the above-entitled matter.
- 17. The parties agree that copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, including copies of the signatures of the parties, may be used in lieu of original documents and signatures and, further, that such copies shall have the same force and effect as originals.
- 18. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree the Executive Director of the Board may, without further notice to or opportunity to be heard by respondent, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order on behalf of the Board:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A62756, issued to respondent Michele Anne Brown, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Medical Board of California.

- 1. This stipulation shall become a part of respondent's license history with the Medical Board of California.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Physician and Surgeon in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board her pocket license and, if one was issued, her wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. As required by Business and Professions Code section 823, reinstatement of respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A62756 shall be governed by the procedures in Article 12.5 of Chapter 1 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.
- 5. If respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in the First Amended Accusation No. 800-2016-019634 shall be deemed to be true,

Stipulated Surrender of License (Case No. 800-2016-019634)

ENDORSEMENT The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Dated: 12.18.17 Respectfully submitted, XAVIER BECERRA Attorney General of California MATTHEW M. DAVIS Supervising Deputy Attorney General Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant SD2017704405 81901698.docx

Exhibit A

First Amended Accusation No. 800-2016-019634

STATE OF CALIFORNIA MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA 1 XAVIER BECERRA SACRAMENTO Dec 122017 Attorney General of California BY D. Richards ANALYST 2 MATTHEW M. DAVIS Supervising Deputy Attorney General 3 LEANNA E. SHIELDS Deputy Attorney General 4 State Bar No. 239872 600 West Broadway, Suite 1800 5 San Diego, CA 92101 P.O. Box 85266 6 San Diego, CA 92186-5266 Telephone: (619) 738-9401 7 Facsimile: (619) 645-2061 8 Attorneys for Complainant 9 10 BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA 11 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 12 Case No. 800-2016-019634 13 In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation Against: FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION 14 MICHELE ANNE BROWN, M.D. 15 935 Genter Street, Unit 408 (Cal. Gov. Code, § 11507.) San Diego, CA 92037-5530 16 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate 17 No. A62756, 18 Respondent. 19 20 Complainant alleges: 21 **PARTIES** Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) brings this First Amended Accusation solely in 22 .. 1. her official capacity as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of 23 24 Consumer Affairs (Board). On or about June 20, 1997, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's 25 2. Certificate No. A62756 to Michele Anne Brown, M.D. (respondent). The Physician's and 26 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought 27

herein and will expire on October 31, 2018, unless renewed.

3. On or about April 27, 2017, an Interim Order of Suspension was issued immediately suspending respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A62756 and prohibiting her from practicing in the State of California pending a final decision on this matter. Respondent remains suspended from the practice of medicine as of the date of the filing of this Accusation.

JURISDICTION

- 4. This First Amended Accusation which supersedes the Accusation filed on June 14, 2017, in the above-entitled matter, is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
 - 5. Section 2227 of the Code states:
 - "(a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:
 - "(1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.
 - "(2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the board.
 - "(3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the board.
 - "(4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the board.
 - "(5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.
 - "(b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters, medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations,

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continuing education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are agreed to with the board and successfully completed by the licensee, or other matters made confidential or privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made available to the public by the board pursuant to Section 803.1."

6. Section 2234 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- "(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.
- 7. Unprofessional conduct under section 2234 of the Code is conduct which breaches the rules or ethical code of the medical profession, or conduct which is unbecoming a member in good standing of the medical profession, and which demonstrates an unfitness to practice medicine. (Shea v. Board of Medical Examiners (1978) 81 Cal.App.3d 564, 575.)
 - 8. Section 2236 of the Code states, in pertinent part:
 - "(a) The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.
 - "(c) The clerk of the court in which a licensee is convicted of a crime shall, within 48 hours after the conviction, transmit a certified copy of the record of conviction to the board. The division may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of a crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.

"(d) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction after a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section and Section 2236.1. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred."

9. Section 2237 of the Code states:

- "(a) The conviction of a charge of violating any federal statutes or regulations or any statute or regulation of this state, regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances, constitutes unprofessional conduct. The record of the conviction is conclusive evidence of such unprofessional conduct. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section.
- "(b) Discipline may be ordered in accordance with Section 2227 or the Division of Licensing may order the denial of the license when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, complaint, information, or indictment."

10. Section 2239 of the Code states:

"(a) The use or prescribing for or administering to himself or herself, of any controlled substance; or the use of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4022, or of alcoholic beverages, to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to the licensee, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice medicine safely or more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances referred to in this section, or any

combination thereof, constitutes unprofessional conduct. The record of the conviction is conclusive evidence of such unprofessional conduct.

"(b) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section. The Medical Board may order discipline of the licensee in accordance with Section 2227 or the Medical Board may order the denial of the license when the time for appeal has elapsed or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, complaint, information, or indictment."

11. Section 4021 of the Code states:

"'Controlled Substance' means any substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code."

12. Section 4022 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"'Dangerous drug' or 'dangerous device' means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:

"(a) Any drug that bears the legend: 'Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription,' 'Rx only,' or words of similar import.

13. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1360, states:

"For the purposes of denial, suspension or revocation of a license, certificate or permit pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the code, a crime or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a person holding a license, certificate or permit under the Medical Practice Act if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding a license, certificate or permit to perform the functions authorized by the

license, certificate or permit in a manner consistent with the public health, safety or welfare. Such crimes or acts shall include but not be limited to the following:

Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of the Medical Practice Act."

14. Section 822 of the Code states:

"If a licensing agency determines that its licentiate's ability to practice his or her profession safely is impaired because the licentiate is mentally ill, or physically ill affecting competency, the licensing agency may take action by any one of the following methods:

- "(a) Revoking the licentiate's certificate or license.
- "(b) Suspending the licentiate's right to practice.
- "(c) Placing the licentiate on probation.
- "(d) Taking such other action in relation to the licentiate as the licensing agency in its discretion deems proper.

"The Licensing agency shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or license until it has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the condition which caused its action and until it is satisfied that with due regard for the public health and safety the person's right to practice his or her profession may be safely reinstated."

SECTION 822 CAUSE FOR ACTION

(Mental Illness and/or Physical Illness Affecting Competency)

15.	Respondent has subjected he	r Physician's a	nd Surg	eon's Cert	ificate	No. A	62756	to
action und	ler section 822 of the Code, in	that her ability	to pract	ice medici	ne safe	ely is i	mpaire	ed
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History of Substance Abuse

- 16. In 2009, respondent participated in a substance abuse treatment program in Thailand called Channa, currently known as DARA.¹
- 17. In 2010, the Physician Well-Being Committee at the University of California San Diego Health Systems (UCSD) began monitoring respondent's sobriety through random urine testing.
- 18. In April 2010, the UCSD Physician Well-Being Committee referred respondent to the substance abuse treatment program at the Betty Ford Center (BFC).
- 19. On or about May 25, 2010, while driving to BFC, respondent was involved in a vehicle accident. Respondent was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol. Respondent's blood alcohol level was determined to be 0.28%.
- 20. On or about September 27, 2010, respondent was convicted by her plea of guilty to a violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b), driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.08% or more, a misdemeanor.
- 21. On or about May 26, 2010, respondent entered a 90-day treatment program for substance abuse at BFC. Upon admission, respondent's urine drug screen tested positive for Oxazepam,² tetrahydrocannabinol (THC),³ and ethyl glucuronide, a metabolite of alcohol.
- 22. Respondent was scheduled to be discharged from BFC on August 23, 2010. On or about August 20, 2010, prior to being discharged, respondent and two of her peers at BFC left BFC to visit a nearby venue which had music and alcohol, a violation of her BFC treatment program. Based upon this violation, respondent was required to return to BFC to complete an additional two weeks of treatment.

¹ Conduct occurring more than seven (7) years from the filing date of this Accusation is for informational purposes only and is not alleged as a basis for disciplinary action.

² Oxazepam is a Schedule IV controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11057, subdivision (d), and a dangerous drug pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4022.

³ Tetrahydrocannabinol is a Schedule I controlled substance pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11054, subdivision (d).

- 23. In January 2013, respondent entered a treatment program for substance abuse at Professionals Treatment at Promises Treatment Centers (Promises) and remained at Promises for thirty (30) days.
- 24. In 2014, in addition to the random urine testing, the UCSD Physician Well-Being Committee issued respondent a Soberlink⁴ device to monitor respondent's sobriety on a daily basis.
- 25. In January 2014, respondent returned to Thailand to participate in a substance abuse treatment program at DARA for six (6) weeks.
- 26. On or about December 11, 2015, respondent was placed on summary suspension by UCSD for failure to comply with her monitoring agreement, specifically, for failure to attend two (2) group meetings and missing multiple Soberlink breath tests on nine (9) occasions within fifteen (15) days.
- 27. On or about December 28, 2015, while en route to return to Promises, respondent suffered hallucinations and was admitted to Aurora Las Encinas, a psychiatric hospital, for detoxification.
- 28. On or about December 31, 2015, respondent was transferred from Aurora Las Encinas to Promises where she participated in a substance abuse treatment program until May 7, 2016.

Second DUI Arrest and Conviction

- 29. On or about November 17, 2016, respondent was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol. Upon exiting the freeway, respondent crashed into two parked cars and was disoriented as to her whereabouts. Toxicology reports determined respondent's blood alcohol level to be .23%.
- 30. On January 18, 2017, respondent plead guilty to driving with a blood alcohol level of .08% or more in violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b). Respondent also admitted her prior conviction of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b).

⁴ Soberlink is a breath alcohol monitoring device that provides facial recognition technology to confirm identity during each breath test and transmits test results wirelessly for monitoring.

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Mental Evaluation

- 31. On or about January 22, 2017, respondent signed a voluntary agreement to undergo a mental and physical evaluation pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 820.
- 32. Respondent's mental evaluation was scheduled for February 28, 2017, but respondent missed her appointment.
- 33. On or about March 21, 2017, Dr. A.A. performed a mental evaluation of respondent. Dr. A.A.'s evaluation consisted of a 2.5 hour face-to-face interview with respondent and a review of respondent's substance abuse treatment records, respondent's subject interview transcript, and other investigation materials.
- 34. Dr. A.A. opined respondent was not able to practice medicine safely. Specifically, Dr. A.A. opined that respondent's mental illness, including her substance misuse, has impaired her ability to practice medicine with safety to the public.

Criminal Arrest and Conviction

- 35. On or about September 3, 2017, respondent presented at U.S. HealthWorks Clinic to provide a urine sample. While in the waiting room, respondent became disruptive and argumentative with the clinic staff. Respondent called 911 and provided false statements of being attacked and injured by clinic staff. Police responded and remained on site to keep the peace. When respondent was informed her urine sample collection would be observed, respondent became disruptive and pushed staff member, F.G. Officers placed respondent under arrest for violating Penal Code section 243, subdivision (a), misdemeanor battery. Subsequent to arrest, officers conducted a search of respondent's person and discovered a small container of urine in respondent's bra.
- 36. The San Diego City Attorney filed a criminal complaint against respondent in the matter of *The People of the State of California v. Michele Brown*, San Diego Superior Court Case No. M238430. On or about October 16, 2017, respondent was convicted upon her plea of guilty to fighting in public, in violation of Penal Code section 415, subdivision (1), a misdemeanor.

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FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of a Crime Substantially Related to the Qualifications, Functions or Duties of a Physician and Surgeon)

37. Respondent has further subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A62756 to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by sections 2236, subdivision (a), 2237, of the Code, and section 1360 of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, in that she has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a physician and surgeon, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 15 through 36, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Use of Alcohol and/or Dangerous Drugs to an Extent or in a Manner Dangerous or Injurious to Herself, Others, or the Public)

Respondent has further subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. 38. A62756 to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2239, subdivision (a), of the Code, in that she used alcohol and/or dangerous drugs to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to herself, others, or the public, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 15 through 37, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Violations of the Medical Practice Act)

Respondent has further subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A62756 to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (a), of the Code, in that she has violated or attempted to violate a provision or provisions of the Medical Practice Act, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 15 through 38, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

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DISCIPLINARY CONSIDERATIONS

40. To determine the degree of discipline to be imposed on respondent, complainant alleges that on or about September 27, 2010, in a prior criminal proceeding in Riverside County, Superior Court of California, Case No. INM 10004138, respondent was previously convicted for driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08% or more, in violation of California Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b), a misdemeanor.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A62756, issued to respondent, Michele Anne Brown, M.D.;
- 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of respondent Michele Anne Brown, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants pursuant to section 3527 of the Code and advanced practice nurses;
- 3. Ordering respondent Michele Anne Brown, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring;
- 4. Taking action as authorized by section 822 of the Code as the Board, in its discretion, deems necessary and proper; and
 - 5. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: December 12, 2017

KIMBERLY/KIRCHMEYER

Executive Director

Medical Board of California

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California
Complainant